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### **North Coast Regional Landcare Facilitator**

Kim Wolfenden is the new North Coast Regional Landcare Facilitator. Kim works closely with local and regional landcare groups, farming systems or grower groups and related community organisations to support the community within their region. Kim also has responsibilities at a regional, state-wide and national level. Based in the Coffs Harbour Local Land Services Office Kim will be liaising closely with the landcare networks across the north coast. Kims email address is [rlf@northcoastlandcare.net.au](mailto:rlf@northcoastlandcare.net.au)

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### **Conferences & Workshops**

**1st-3rd September**

**NSW State Landcare Conference and Landcare Muster at Turners Vineyard Orange** To register go to [www.nswlandcareconference.com.au](http://www.nswlandcareconference.com.au)

**3rd September—Clarence Native Bees Annual General Meeting** at the Grafton Regional Library be there 5.15pm for a 5.30pm start.

**7th to 10th September**, NTS Certificate in Nutrition Farming, Inverell  
To register or to find out more information go to

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-nts-certificate-in-nutrition-farming-july-13-16-2015-tickets-16595009119?aff=erellivsim%3Fnomo%3D1>

**6th to 8th November**

**National Biological Farming Conference and Expo 2015** In celebration of international year of soil—Lismore

Note early bird registrations close 1st September, 2015.

To register go to <http://www.soilcare.org/national-biological-farming-conference-and-expo-2015.html>

**28th November, 2015—Clarence Landcare Annual General Meeting**, social gathering and local landcare awards presentation at the CLARENCE GORGE.... further details to come later.

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#### **Landcare Community Office**

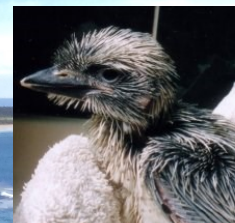
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### Expressions of interest for Large Scale Tree Planting

**Are you a landholder who is Interested in undertaking large scale tree planting on your property in 2016 or 2017... If so please contact us at Clarence Landcare to obtain our Tree Planting Expression of Interest Form.**

**Even if you have already completed an expression of interest for potential funding previously, please contact our office again to let us know if you are still interested in planting trees.**

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### 20 MILLION TREES PROGRAMME GRANT ROUND TWO

Round Two of the 20 Million Trees Programme invites applications from individuals, Organisations and community groups such as schools, landholders and conservation groups to apply for funding of between \$20,000 and \$100,000 to plant trees in a range of urban, peri-urban and regional environments across Australia. Information will be available online at

<http://www.nrm.gov.au/national/20-million-trees/competitive-grants-round-two>.

Applications for Round 2 can be submitted from early August using the online form. Applications must be submitted by the closing time of 2.00pm AEST (Canberra time) 16 September 2015.

Priority for Round Two will be given to projects with positive outcomes for threatened species and threatened ecological communities listed under the EPBC Act.

For Round Two, applicants have the option to apply in the same application for up to three Green Army Teams to assist with their 20 Million Trees Project.

Information on the application process is available in the Guidelines.

### Green Army Programme

The Australian Government's Green Army Programme continues to operate and all LLS regions have been asked to seriously consider incorporating a Green Army team into their projects. Besides supporting local youth, Green Army teams can maximise and sustain the outcomes of our funded sites by providing valuable maintenance services. For those of you in the throes of Project Plan development or Contract negotiations please have a Green Army team conversation with your partners.

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### **Saving our Species Partnership Grants Program**

The NSW Environmental Trust is inviting Expressions of Interest for Round 2 of its Saving Our Species (SoS) Partnership Grants Program (Expressions of Interest close **28 September 2015**).

Grants are available for partnerships working to secure threatened species in the wild. Round 2 will target landscape-managed species as a priority.

Partnerships can include government, the community, NGOs and industry. A total of \$3.6 million is available for grants between \$300,000 and \$1,000,000 to fund and support coordinated partnerships that will run for 10 years.

Round 2 will target landscape-managed species. OEH want applicants to demonstrate strong stakeholder collaboration and form consortiums to maximise the protection and conservation of threatened species. \$3.6 million is available for Round 2 with individual grants of between \$300,000 and \$1,000,000 over 6 years being eligible. Seed funding will be provided for successful EOI applicants to develop a detailed Project Business Plan. More funding and application criteria are available on the OEH website.

#### **Program information**

Go to the Trust's website for more information about SoS Partnership Grants and application materials: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/SOSPPartnerships.htm>.

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### **Restoration and Rehabilitation Program Grants**

The NSW Environmental Trust is inviting applications to the 2015/16 round of its Restoration and Rehabilitation Grants Program (Applications close **18 September 2015**).

A total of \$5.3 million is available to the following organisations for projects working to protect, conserve and restore our natural environment:

- \$2 million for projects by community organisations
- \$2 million for projects by government entities
- \$1.3 million for projects by owners and managers of NSW State Heritage Register-listed properties for environmental works and activities.

Grants of between \$5,000 and \$100,000 are available.

#### **Program information**

Go to the Trust's website for more information about the Restoration and Rehabilitation Grant Program and to access application materials: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/restoration.htm>.





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### FREE WEED IDENTIFICATION FOR BRUSHGROVE & ULMARRA RESIDENTS

Clarence Valley Council is offering free weed identification and information for residents in Brushgrove & Ulmarra in October.

Council Officers will be door knocking landholders and will be targeting Coral Tree and other high priority weeds such as camphor laurel, privet, and cat's claw creeper.

Environmental weeds such as Coral Tree have the potential to form dense stands and exclude native vegetation and stock. Coral Trees reproduce by seed and can also grow just by the branches and pieces of stem that break off and then take root wherever they fall. The seed pods, seeds and broken branches are carried by floodwaters into farmland and natural areas where germination occurs. It can also be spread by dumped garden waste.

For more information please contact Council on 6641 7353.  
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Coral Tree (*Erythrina crista-galli*)

